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6 July 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Chief of Staff, G-2, Department  
of the Army  
Director of Naval Intelligence  
Director of Intelligence, Headquarters,  
United States Air Force

SUBJECT: Proposed Estimate of Soviet Production Requirements,  
Purchases, and Imports of Selected  
Commodities

- REFERENCES:
- (a) Letter from Deputy Director, Staff,  
Munitions Board, to DCI, 19 May 1950  
#34383
  - (b) Memorandum from AD/OSM to Service In-  
telligence Agencies, Deputy Director for  
Intelligence, Joint Staff, and Director,  
Staff, Munitions Board, 26 June 1950,  
subject: "Munitions Board Request for  
Studies of Soviet Purchases of Selected  
Commodities"
  - (c) IM-181, "Resources and Allocations of Steel,  
Aluminum, Petroleum, Electric Power, and  
Technical Manpower for the USSR, 1949-1952",  
Revised 10 February 1950

1. At a meeting of representatives of the agencies addressed in reference (b), held at CIA on 28 June, it was concluded by those present that the project outlined was an extremely important one deserving the support of their organizations.

2. After detailed discussion of the entire problem, it was agreed to postpone estimates for overt war until the completion of the current or peacetime estimates. It is believed, however, that preliminary planning for the second phase of the study should be undertaken while the first part is underway.

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3. For purposes of the report, 1 January 1954 was selected as M-day.

4. In view of the importance of this project and the desirability of undertaking a study along the lines of IM-131, the Service Agencies are requested to participate in accordance with the outline presented in reference (b) except that Part II, "Requirements under conditions of overt warfare", will be deferred as noted in paragraph 2, above.

5. It will be appreciated if each agency will designate a person with whom continuing liaison may be maintained during the production of the estimate. Colonel Jacques C. Morrell (Code 143, extension 3225) has been designated CIA representative for this project.

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